CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Bomba, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Superintendent, G. Krivda Police Chief and Kristen Telsey-Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act.** He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call** was taken.

Mayor Brown started with Congratulating Mr. Dowe for winning the Election and getting three more years on the Committee. He said he was three below Mr. Racite before the Provisional Ballots were counted.

Mr. Bomba started with the Emergency Management Office is coordinating with the County OEM on Wednesday, November 20th at 7 pm for a winter storm computer communication exercise. The Industrial Commission will not be holding a meeting until December 9th. Mr. Bomba said there is nothing to report for the Fire/Rescue Dept at this meeting. He said the State has been chasing road cones around due to the weather. There has been no work on the circle. The Electric Company has been rerouting lines. On Route 40, painting has not been done yet and signs are still not up. Mr. Bomba said he is going to have a meeting with the engineer.

<u>Mr. Newton</u> commented the Construction Code Office has issued 11 permits from November 1st to November 15th, and collected \$2,160. Their YTD is 362 permits and 30 updates to permits. <u>Mayor Brown</u> spoke of the JIF/Safety Committee meeting. He plans to attend the JIF Claims Committee review on Monday, November 25th. He said he has continued to send out safety bulletins to all department heads. Mayor Brown said cyber security is a growing concern in Municipalities. The JIF has given directions to the Township on how to address our cyber risks. All computer users have to be trained and certified. Mr. Brown finished with the Township

received authorization for a trash truck rental until our replacement truck is delivered.

Mr. Dowe said he has nothing for the Courts. The next Recreation Commission event is Lunch with Santa at the Fire House and Christmas in the Park (Dunns). He said Sunbelt has been contacted about renting extra lights for the park. Both events are on December 7th. He mentioned that Public Works will be putting decorations up soon. Mr. Dowe said a 7-foot live Christmas Tree was purchased and should grow to about 20 feet. Lastly, he said they will be filling the ambulance with toys for the Children at A.I. DuPont Hospital. This is in connection with the Police Chaplin Association.

<u>Mr. Pelura</u> spoke about the free Rabies Clinic coming up. He will get more information for everyone at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,438,774.50. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. Under Consent Agenda a motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Bomba to accept Monthly Committee Reports from October 2019. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to approve the Administrative Compensatory time, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor. Mr. Bomba motioned and Mr. Dowe seconded for the approval of the regular Committee meeting **minutes from November 6, 2019** and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-199 OVERPAYMENT DUE TO TAX APPEAL

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to authorize a refund of \$993.69 in overpayed 2018 3rd quarter taxes due to a State Tax Appeal, seconded by Mr. Pelura. and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-200

CALLING FOR A STUDY TO REVIEW THE OPRA RECORDS

Mr. Newton motioned to authorize a study commission to review the Open Public Records Act, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-201 TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve a transfer within the 2019 Budget in the amount of \$2,700, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-202 PURCHASE FROM STATE CONTRACT POLICE VEHICLES

Motioned on by Mr. Newton to authorize the purchase of two police vehicles in the amount of \$85,782.00 under State Contract. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned a thank you letter from Megan Meiler from the High School for the Committee supporting the High School Homecoming parade.

With no **Old Business** Mayor Brown moved on to **New Business**. Mayor Brown mentioned an email from the Rivers Edge Community Alliance requesting an approval to allow for two High Schools to rent the pool. Mr. Pelura said he did not understand the amounts on the request. Colleen Smalley spoke to the Committee. She said it cost \$1,000 for us to have someone take care of the pool. The first school wants to use the whole pool so we felt \$500 was a good amount and the other was to use only half the pool so they will be charged \$250. Both are for 13 weeks. When the Committee understood all were in favor of allowing them to rent the pool.

Mrs. Stout said that she, the Mayor and Scott Davenport met to review our Health Insurance Carrier. Mrs. Stout said the good news there will be no increase. Due to being self-insured we have to pay the first \$40,000 then a second insurance company covers the rest. Bids are taken and Nationwide was the lowest bidder. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the documents for Nationwide Insurance as our reinsurance company, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

With no more to discuss Mayor Brown moved on to the **Public Participation** portion of the meeting. *Mary Boysen of Soders Road* addressed the Committee on a problem of tractor and trailers parking on Soders Road in order for them to go to the Hotel there. Mrs. Boysen said the road is only 30 feet wide and a truck knocked over her mailbox. She spoke to the truck driver and he gave her a phone number to call his office. No one has answered since. She said there is a sign that states no Trucks allowed on the road but they park there anyway. The Police was called and tickets were handed out. She said the trucks also block the fire hydrant. Mrs. Boysen said the Police also went to the Hotel Office and took a copy of the ordinance but they still authorize truckers to come and park along the roadway. Mr. Dowe said maybe we need to look

at the Ordinance for an update. Also have the Solicitor write a letter to the Hotel about trucks and parking. In the meantime, have the Police continue to write tickets and tow if needed. Mr. Pelura said the Chief needs to write to the Manager or Property Owner. Also have Mr. Santogrossi check on the signs there.

With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2019-203 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bomba motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm with the following action being taken.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the hiring of Daniel Urban in the Police Department affective December 4th, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

June/Proffitt, Municipal Clerk

Approved: 12-4-2019